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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

 (Currently Amended) A gallium nitride (GaN)-based compound semiconductor device, comprising:

a GaN-based light emitting layer member; and formed above a substrate,

a buffer layer adjacent to the light emitting member,

wherein the light emitting layer member comprises a multilayer quantum well layer structure including in which an InGaN well layer and an AlInGaN barrier layer are layered.

- 2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The gallium nitride GaN</u>-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein a compositional ratio of In in the InGaN well layer is 5% or greater and 15% or smaller.
- 3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The gallium nitride GaN</u>-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein a compositional ratio of In in the InGaN well layer is 5% or greater and 13% or smaller.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A gallium nitride (GaN)-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 1, comprising:

a GaN-based light emitting member,

wherein the light emitting member comprises a multilayer quantum well structure including an InGaN well layer and an AlInGaN barrier layer, and

wherein a thickness of the InGaN well layer is 1 nm or greater and 2 nm or smaller.

- 5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The gallium nitride GaN</u>-based compound semiconductor device according to claim [[1]]4, wherein [[a]] <u>the thickness of the InGaN well layer is 1-3 nm or greater and 1.8 nm or smaller between 1.3 nm and 1.8 nm.</u>
- 6. (Currently Amended) A gallium nitride (GaN)-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 1, comprising:

a GaN-based light emitting member,

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wherein the light emitting member comprises a multilayer quantum well structure including an InGaN well layer and an AlInGaN barrier layer, and

- wherein a compositional ratio of Al in the AlInGaN barrier layer is 14% or greater and 40% or smaller, and a compositional ratio of In in the AlInGaN barrier layer is 0.1% or greater and 5% or smaller.
- 7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The gallium-nitride GaN</u>-based compound semiconductor device according to claim [[1]]6, wherein a compositional ratio of Al in the AlInGaN barrier layer is <u>between 16% or greater</u> and 40% or smaller, and a compositional ratio of In in the AlInGaN barrier layer is <u>between 0.1% or greater</u> and 3% or smaller.
- 8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The gallium nitride GaN</u>-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 1, <u>further comprising</u>: <u>wherein the an AlInGaN</u> buffer layer adjacent to the light emitting <u>layer member is an AlInGaN buffer layer</u>.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A gallium nitride (GaN)-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 8, comprising:
  - a GaN-based light emitting member; and
  - an AlInGaN buffer layer adjacent to the light emitting member,
  - wherein the light emitting member comprises a multilayer quantum well structure including at least one InGaN well layer and at least one AlInGaN barrier layer, and,
  - wherein a compositional ratio of Al in the AlInGaN buffer layer is 0.5% or greater and 40% or smaller, and a compositional ratio of In in the AlInGaN buffer layer is 0.1% or greater and 5% or smaller.
- 10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The gallium nitride GaN</u>-based compound semiconductor device according to claim [[8]]9, wherein a compositional ratio of Al in the AlInGaN buffer layer is <u>between 1%-or greater</u> and 40%-or smaller, and a compositional ratio of In in the AlInGaN buffer layer is <u>between 0.1%-or greater</u> and 3%-or smaller.
- 11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The gallium nitride GaN</u>-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the InGaN well layer and the AlInGaN barrier layer are formed at a temperature of 750° C[[.]] or greater.

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12. (New) The GaN-based semiconductor compound semiconductor device according to claim 1, further comprising a strained layer superlattice (SLS) clad layer.

- 13. (New) The GaN-based semiconductor compound semiconductor device according to claim 12, wherein the SLS clad layer is an n-clad layer.
- 14. (New) The GaN-based emiconductor compound semiconductor device according to claim 13, wherein the SLS clad layer comprises alternately layered n-GaN and n-AlGaN.
- 15. (New) The GaN-based semiconductor compound semiconductor device according to claim 13, further comprising a p-type SLS clad layer.
- 16. (New) A method of manufacturing a GaN-based semiconductor compound semiconductor device, comprising:

growing a buffer layer on a substrate;

growing a strained layer superlattice clad layer;

growing an AlInGaN buffer layer; and

growing, adjacent to the AlInGaN buffer layer, at a temperature of 750° C or higher, a multi-layer quantum well structure including alternately layered InGaN well layers and AlInGaN barrier layers.

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